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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are

requested. Claims 41-43 and 47-49 remain in the case.

Claims 41-43, and 47-49 have been amended in view of the Office Action as fully

supported by an enabling disclosure.

Although they disagree with the USPTO's position formulated in the present

Office Action, in order to accelerate prosecution Applicants have amended the claims as

suggested by the Examiner during a telephone discussion with the patent attorney to

the Applicants in October 2004. These amendments are believed to overcome the

objections under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs of the present Office

Action.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of

Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such an action is earnestly solicited.

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